

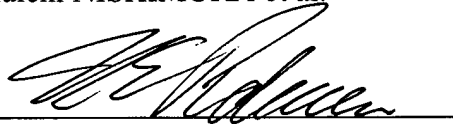
**REMARKS**

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to delete the multiple dependency of the claims, thereby reducing the required PTO filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

Takuichi NISHIMURA et al.

By



Nils E. Pedersen

Registration No. 33,145

Attorney for Applicants

NEP/kg  
Washington, D.C. 20006-1021  
Telephone (202) 721-8200  
Facsimile (202) 721-8250  
June 16, 2005